**P.S. 24Q’s 5th Grade Opinion Student Checklist**

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| **Trait** | **What Should I Have…** |
| Ideas & Content | * My writing states and maintains an opinion on the topic throughout the writing. * I have a thesis statement that is restated in the writing piece. * My writing has reasons to support the thesis with supporting evidence (facts, examples, quotations, information). * I explained my reasons that come from the text in my own words. |
| Organization | * My writing piece includes an introduction that connects my opinion. * Each body paragraph includes a topic sentence that supports the opinion/claim. * Each body paragraph contains a concluding sentence that supports the opinion/claim. * My writing piece includes a meaningful concluding paragraph about the content and information. * I used transitional phrases to link opinions, ideas and reasons. * My paragraphs are logically ordered with reasons supported by facts and details. |
| Voice | * I took risks most of the time by using expressive phrases and punctuation * (Uses punctuation such as ellipses, question marks, and exclamation marks, bold words, inner thoughts when appropriate). * The reader can tell that the writer is keeping them in mind. * If I used dialogue, it was used appropriately |
| Word Choice | * I used high frequency word and complex grade level words were used purposefully. * I used some juicy words/sentences in the writing. * I also used transition words like: such as, furthermore, for instance, in order to, in addition, specifically, and consequently to make my writing sound smooth. |
| Sentence Fluency | * I used complex sentences (“juicy” sentences) throughout my entire writing piece. * I used a variety of sentence structures. * My entire writing piece can be read aloud so that the reader understands the writing and learns something. |
| Language Conventions | * I demonstrated command of the conventions of the English language. * I used correct subject/verb agreement. * I spelled grade appropriate words correctly. * I used grade appropriate punctuation throughout the writing piece. * I punctuated dialogue correctly. |
| Explanation of Reading | * I demonstrated an understanding of ideas from the text by using information directly in the text. * I used ideas from the text to come up with new ideas that were not stated in the text (inferencing) * I used quotations from the text to support my opinion. |

**My Reflection:**

I think I did well on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Something I will improve next time is:

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